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Dear little hands, I loved them so. And now they are lying under the snow—under the snow, and white, and white. I cannot see them or hear their laughter. They are quiet and still as last, as last. How busy and restless they used to be! But now they can never reach up through the snow.

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

Dalton, Ga., boasts of a calf with five legs. The genuine silver dollar of 1804 is worth \$600. Stealing dog plates is the latest mania in Boston. Frau Materna is suffering from a sprained ankle. The salary of the Viceroy of India is \$125,000 a year. Berlin has 1027 physicians, or one to every 1250 inhabitants. Germans make the most delicate watch wheels of paper pulp. Frederick Douglass is believed to be worth at least \$150,000. There are 7,162 women missionaries and preachers in England. Hereafter the New York Star will show its light but once a week. The newest craze is to collect every kind and shape of parlor lamps. Several Western Railroads have stopped the sale of millage tickets. Yale is discussing the advisability of founding a co-operative society. The number of men employed on the Panama Canal works is 19,000. The United States used 1,100,000 tons of sugar during the year 1884. Counterfeit silver quarters, bearing date 1871, are plentiful in Brooklyn. The United States uses three times as much paint as any other country. The Harvard Divinity School has seven professors and eleven students. The United States is the third silk manufacturing country in the world. The highest priced new in Grace Church, New York, is \$1,000 per year. The wages of the British iron workers were reduced 20 per cent. in 1884. There are 600 professional beauties in London who don't work at all. It is a wise woman that knows her own weakness, says from dried beaver. Vermont school teachers are prohibited by law from the use of tobacco. There are 4,362 women editors in England and 1,629 female photographers. There are eleven million horses in the United States, one to every five persons. Locomotives that cost \$15,000 apiece a year ago can be bought for \$8,000 each. The United States is the third largest beer producing country in the world. There are 115,935 English school teachers, nearly all of whom are spinners. In New York and London musical circles the "See-Saw" waltz is the craze. The United States contains three-quarters of the coal fields of the whole world. In some parts of Germany paper is now used in the manufacture of lead pencils. It may become necessary to quarantine against those foreign earthquakes that are now being felt. A pearl has been found on the Western Australian coast valued at \$20,000. A war on bill-board displays of objectionable posters has opened in New York City. As an outcome of the hard times, no stout down a brewery has yet been reported. Foreign students in Paris complain of discriminations and being treated as intruders. Wachtel, the once famous tenor, has tardily followed his voice and retired from the stage. The poor of Paris are now crying for bread. They may soon be clamoring for blood. Out of Italy's twenty-nine million inhabitants only one million subscribe to newspapers. The nihilists in Russia continue busy enough to keep the procession to Siberia moving. Windsor's great park costs the Queen \$125,000 a year and brings in rentals of \$25,000. A twenty-six pound mountain trout, forty-seven inches long, is an exhibition of the kind. There are sixteen locomotive works in the United States, aside from shops owned by railroads. Two Boston boys send about 600,000 gallons of rum to the Congo tribes in the morning. The Victoria Skating Rink watching a skating tournament. The Governor General and Lady Lansdown and their children were present at the great gala of the steppes across the mountain, a Mardi Gras masquerade and toboggan race on the Russian side. Recently the snow-drifters' attack on the ice palace was as peculiar as it was successful. The towers and turrets of a large ice, with the corners and angles glittering as though set with diamonds, were intensified by electric lights and without the aid of any other soldiers, with torches, quietly entered the square and took their allotted positions. A bomb was fired as a signal for the attack. And a shower of burning balls and rockets the defenders answered the attack. Then came a rush from outside, with a perfect storm of fire-balls from within. Then another and a third attack, but the defenders, and the palace was taken. Besieged and besiegers then marched from the palace gates and up the mountain side. It looked from below as if a great serpent of fire was gliding along the mountain. The scene was the most enchanting one since the carnival was opened. Sixty-four women engravers earn their livelihood in England. The total cost of the Tichborne litigation was over \$450,000. Mr. N. B. Clark proposes, in the Journal of the Franklin Institute, to employ, as a source of emergency power for ships of war, furnaces into which petroleum is sprayed along with superheated steam and hot air.